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SUBJ: POS TRAFFIC RIGHTS FOR EAL

REF: (A) BTN 0253; (B) STATE 025501 AND PREVIOUS; (C) BTN 0104;
(D) BTN 0079

1. IT MAY BE OF SOME HELP TO EAL APPLICATION FOR POS TRAFFIC RIGHTS IF ISSUE OF CARIBWEST 402 AMENDMENT APPLICATION (REFTEL B) AND EAL REQUEST WERE INFORMALLY AND INDIRECTLY RAISED WITH CARIBWEST CHAIRMAN HAROLD WENT. WENT, WHO IS CLOSE TO PM BARROW, CAN BE EXPECTED TO RAISE ISSUE WITH PM WHO MAY BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO EAL OBJECTIVE THAN CIVAIR ADVISOR ARCHER (PARA 3 REFTEL C). WE KNOW PM IS PERSONALLY VERY INVOLVED IN RESUSCITATION OF CARIBWEST (REFTEL D). SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD AFFORD US RELATIVELY SAFE METHOD OF BYPASSING ARCHER AND FOCUSING PM'S ATTENTION ON EAL'S PROBLEM AND ITS RELATION TO CARIBWEST REVIVAL.

2. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, WE BELIEVE BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO HAVE PAA, WHICH HAS BEEN ASSISTING CARIBWEST, MENTION INFORMALLY THAT SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF CERTAIN CURRENT CIVIL AVIATION PROBLEMS INVOLVING A U.S. CARRIER MAY HELP TO EXPEDITE CARIBWEST'S APPLICATION FOR EXPANDED CARGO SERVICE TO U.S. IF WENT BEHAVES IN WHAT WE UNDERSTAND IS HIS USUAL PATTERN, HE WILL TAKE MATTER STRAIGHT TO PM. BARROW WILL THEN PRESUMABLY FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH OUR AIDE-MEMOIRE AND OUR PREVIOUS APPROACHES ON EAL'S BEHALF (ARCHER MAY NOT HAVE BRIEFED HIM FULLY ON SUBJECT).

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3. WE BELIEVE THIS APPROACH HAS SOME MERIT AND ARE PREPARED TO
PROCEED ALONG ABOVE LINES IF DEPARTMENT APPROVES. ACTION
REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON ABOVE
APPROACH.
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